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At the time of its abolition the Council had fifty-four members, including its own Speaker.. Provincial government. Under the Constitution Act, legislative power was also conferred on New Zealand's provinces (originally six in number), each of which had its own elected provincial council. These provincial councils were able to legislate for their provinces on most subjects. Appointment. The New Zealand monarch appoints the governor-general by commission issued under the Seal of New Zealand. Constitutional convention adopted in 1930, following the Imperial Conference held that year, allowed for the appointment of the governor-general to be made upon the advice of the New Zealand Government, though that right was not exercised directly by a New Zealand prime ... The New Zealand Cabinet Manual is regarded as an authoritative guide to the conduct of the executive in that country, and it is now a public document accessible on-line. A similar Manual has been adopted in the UK. But these documents raise questions - Bridled Power: New Zealand Government Under Mmp